

April 10, 2019

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Honorable William C. Griesbach  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of Wisconsin  
Green Bay Division  
Jefferson Court Building  
125 South Jefferson Street, Room 102  
Green Bay, WI 54301-4541

Re: Otis v. Demarasse  
Case No.: 16-C-285  
Our File No.: 231.231399

Dear Judge Griesbach:

I am writing to clarify the record in response to Mr. Graff's motion for a protective order regarding the depositions of Deputy Burke and Mr. Hill. Although Mr. Graff's brief and affidavit state that the parties were not able to reach an agreement about proceeding with the depositions, that is inaccurate. In an April 3 email, Mr. Mayer suggested that the parties schedule the depositions subject to the parties' understanding that they may be canceled if he does not have a decision on his motion for sanctions. I replied the same day, stating that I agreed to Mr. Mayer's proposal. That email, which was not included in Mr. Graff's affidavit supporting his motion for a protective order, was sent to both Mr. Mayer and Mr. Graff.

Because of the parties' agreement, I was surprised to see that a motion for a protective order was filed on April 8. Upon receiving notice of the motion for a protective order, including the assertion that the parties could not reach an agreement, I sent Mr. Graff the enclosed letter reminding him that the parties had previously reached an agreement, and requesting that he send a letter to the Court withdrawing the motion and advising the Court that the parties agreed on April 3 to conditionally set the depositions of Deputy Burke and Mr. Hill. (*See, Ex. A.*)

I understand that Mr. Graff has withdrawn the motion. However, I want to ensure that the record accurately reflects the parties' communications and the fact that we had reached an agreement regarding the depositions on April 3 before the motion for a protective order was filed on April 8.



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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*s/ Robert J. Lauer*

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Enclosure

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